

Line wreck-out a successful team effort

Line crews from Montrose, Craig and Kremmling successfully completed a 149-pole line wreck-out along the Blue River Summit line near Silverthorne, Colo., in July.

Ron Turley, field maintenance manager in Montrose explained, "When the lines and structures were first built, the towns of Silverthorne, Dillon and Frisco were fairly rural with a relatively small population.

Since then, the area has grown and become a

recreational mecca with a need for more businesses, residences and parking lots. As the town grew, Western's lines faced increasing encroachment as a result of real estate development."

Thirteen linemen worked more than 2,000 hours dismantling 8.5 miles of 115-kV line that carried supplemental power to the Summit County community. Three of the 65-foot structures spanning I-70 were removed shortly after midnight July 17 when the interstate was closed briefly.

With the construction of Public Service Company's new substation to serve increased loads in the area, Western's line is no longer needed. 🚧



Above: **Jim Jensen**, lineman from Craig, saws a transmission pole during the Blue River Summit 115-kV line wreck-out along I-70 in July.

Above right: Crewmen work together to remove transmission poles in rough terrain along the Blue River Summit line wreck-out project in July.

Right: Montrose Lineman **Dan Trujillo** operates wire take-up reel at the Blue River Summit line wreck-out project in July. (Photos by **Ron Burbridge**)



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